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Title: FILLER MATERIAL AND PRETREATMENT OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD COMPONENTS
TO FACILITATE APPLICATION OF CONFORMAL EMI COATING

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Application 09/813,257

Examiner Patel:

Per our conversation this past week, following is a copy of the Response that I believe was filed on March 5, 2002. As I noted, I may have filed an incorrect version that indicated the wrong number of claims and presented amendments to claims that did not exist. If so, please replace the one filed on 3/5 with the following amendment. If the following amendment was indeed filed on 3/5, then please disregard the one that follows.

Thanks, and please give me a call should there be any questions.
/Michael

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RESPONSE & AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.115

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 06, 2001 (PTO Prosecution Paper No. 5), Applicants submits the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extension for time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore, including fees for net addition of claims, are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08/2025.

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Response to Action
dated 12/06/01

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 for claims of the same number previously pending.

A1
Sub B1
1. (Amended) A printed circuit board comprising:

a printed wiring board;

a plurality of components mounted on said printed wiring board, wherein the printed circuit board has a cavity with one or more openings to the surface of the printed circuit board; and

an electrically non-conductive filler material disposed in the cavity and on the surface of the printed circuit board immediately surrounding the cavity so as to bridge across the one or more cavity openings and to at least partially infill the cavity, wherein the cavity is substantially inaccessible to subsequently-applied coatings.

A2
Sub B2
3. (Amended) The printed circuit board of claim 1, wherein the cavity comprises:

a volume of space defined by the leads of a component, the component body and the printed wiring board, wherein the volume of space has a plurality of openings to the surface of the printed circuit board between neighboring component leads.

4. (Amended) The printed circuit board of claim 1, wherein the cavity comprises:

a volume of space between neighboring components mounted on the printed wiring board.

5. (Amended) The printed circuit board of claim 1, wherein the cavity comprises:

a volume of space between a component mounted on the printed wiring board and the printed wiring board.